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SUBJECT: CANADA'S TAKE ON MISSING/DETAINED AMCITS IN IRAN

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¶1. (SBU) On June 11, POL M/C raised the issue of missing and detained American citizens in Iran with Dennis Horak, Director of the Iran Desk at Foreign Affairs Canada. He asked Horak if Canada would raise this issue in discussions with Iranian officials.

¶2. (SBU) Horak said Canada shared U.S. concerns fully. It had intervened on several occasions on behalf of its own citizens who had been detained, harassed, and jailed in Iran. In 2003, a Canadian had not only been arrested for taking a photo of a prison, but had been brutally beaten while under interrogation. She later died in custody. Horak was doubtful that an approach by Canadian officials would have much effect on Iranian authorities but said they would raise, both in Ottawa and in Tehran, the plight of the American detainees.

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